Dad’s death was especially hard on my Papa Sharrow, my dad’s father. He said, “No parent should ever have to bury a child.” He then spent two days in his walk-in closet, broken hearted and weeping. My dad died from cancer, an enemy he couldn’t escape.

Every day in America, families say goodbye to sons, daughters, husbands, wives, daddies, mommies, and precious friends who bravely and courageously go off to war. This is inconceivable to me and to most people I know. The anguish and fear of those back home haunt every moment from their loved one’s departure to the moment of their return.

Veteran’s Day is only one day set aside to honor those who defend our freedom, work to keep us safe, and lay their lives on the line for those they love and many more they don’t even know. I feel that we should honor our veterans every day. If I am privileged enough to see a person in uniform in a restaurant, I buy them their meal and make a point of thanking them for their service.

I remember how scared I felt when each of my four kids had to register for the draft. I felt sick to my stomach each time thinking about the remote possibility of any of them being called to service. I know amazing, intelligent, and successful young people who have voluntarily left college, a job, and even professional sports to serve this fine country, and I am so very thankful for each and every one of them.

I personally love the Tunnel to Towers Foundation that raises money for fallen soldiers and first responders to provide homes free and clear to their families left behind. Their parent, son, or friend can never be replaced—no more memories can be made, no more kisses shared—but lifting the family’s financial burden can help them to know that the sacrifice was noticed and grieved by others.

I send a heartfelt thank you to every veteran. You are appreciated and honored on Veteran’s Day and every day.
**Holiday Humdrums**

It’s that time again. Holidays. Sometimes this is a time of celebration, family, and cultural traditions. Sometimes it’s a time of loneliness, stress, and even depression. Sometimes it’s a mix of all of the above.

There are several ways to manage stress during the holidays:

- Spend just a few moments with yourself. Determine how you want your holiday season to go. *Make a list of no’s (and yes’s). What are you willing to commit yourself to, what must you do, what can you let go of? And, remember, it’s ok to say no.*
- Planning during the holiday season can get complicated. Start preparing early.
- Don’t forget to exercise during the holidays. Take a walk outside (breathe in that cold air) or play a sport with a friend.
- Forget trying to do it all. Do what you can and be ok with that.
- Get help if you need it.

Please don’t forget that Center Line has a partnership with CARE. We do not get information about the people who use this service (it’s anonymous). CARE offers short term counseling sessions, telephone resources & referrals, help with stress reduction, financial troubles, or even legal issues. You can access information at [www.careworklifesolutions.com](http://www.careworklifesolutions.com). Use the password `centerlineschools-wls`.

I encourage you to take care of yourself, especially during the holiday season.

**In the District**

**Mental Health PD**

District school social workers, psychologists, and counselors participated in a District Professional Development Day last week with Nancy Buyle, MISD School Safety Consultant.

**Senior All Night Party!**

Every year, a dedicated group of parents spend the year preparing for the Senior All Night Party (SANP) after graduation. This involves raising the funds for the event as well. Find information about their various fundraising activities on their Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/708262796309753/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/708262796309753/) and/or join them at their next meeting on Nov. 20th at 6:30pm in the high school media center.
We work diligently to make the transition from school to work easier. More successful. When we do, everyone benefits.

Yet, we don't often sing the praises of what we do to ease the transition from school to school—in this case, middle school to high school. Our Freshman Academy is solely intended for this purpose.

The teachers in the academy work together to support students on an individual basis through interventions, collaboration, and a true understanding of what middle schoolers need to do to become successful high schoolers. Part of that success is based on creating a sense of belonging.

Being part of a team, feeling that support and camaraderie, is essential to success. Despite many of them moving from K-8 together, and making the move to CLHS together, high school is very different: Grades become permanent, credits are keys to graduation, the end of the public school journey is within sight—the number of grades to reach the 12 in "K-12" can be counted on one hand. This can be intimidating. The number of failures between 8th grade and 9th grade is higher than any other transition between grades. That is true nationwide. This is where our team comes to the rescue! As part of all the other supports they provide, the freshman teachers used the half-day to run the Freshman Academy Games.

All freshman students banded together with their Freshman Seminar classmates to compete against the other Seminar classes in a series of intense, complex, and otherwise intimidating contests like pencil-flipping, cookie-eating, and M&M transportation, the freshmen had a great time and found that collaboration, communication, leadership, and critical thinking are not only for serious endeavors. They can also be a lot of fun. Even more fun when you do them together.

And when we do that, everyone wins.
Gravity Works
The physics classes dropped various objects to see how air resistance affects the speed of falling objects.

MCC Tour
Recently CLHS Graphic Communications and Fanuc Robotics students toured Macomb Community College’s Robert E. Turner Advanced Technology Center. They spent most of the time in the Media and Communication Art (MACA) program and got to speak current instructors and students. The MACA program allows students to choose from 8 different specialties from Motion Design and Layout to 3D Animation. Students also toured the Fanuc and PLC program.

Grateful for our Veterans
Last Friday, the JROTC program held a Veterans Day ceremony for the community. It was a great event to honor those that have and are currently serving in our Armed Forces.

Mark your calendars now for the Moms’ & Dads’ Club annual Bowling Fundraiser! $20 per person includes...

- 2 games of bowling & shoes
- 2 slices of pizza, salad & pop
- A fun night of laughs, prizes, smack-talk and bragging rights!

This is an adults-only event, 18 years and older. All proceeds benefit the Moms’ & Dads’ Club, which supports the students, teachers and organizations of Center Line High School. Download forms and get more information on the CLHS website at https://clhs.clps.org/apps/pages/bowling
Ford Saturday School
ITI Academy students participated in the Ford Motor Company High School Science and Technology Program (HSSTP) on Saturday. Students gain insight into the real-life application of skills learned in the classroom and have the opportunity to earn a summer internship and scholarship money. Thanks to Ms. Ruggiero and Mr. Katenin for chaperoning the students on this trip!

Football Honors
Congrats to the football players who received All Macomb County Tier 3 Awards: Mua Lee, First Team All County (OL); Jaden Davis, First Team All County (DL); Isaac Pride, First Team All County (DB); Jaylan Johnson, Honorable Mention (ATH); Jacob Vega, Honorable Mention (DL); and Levi Walker, Honorable Mention (LB). Well done!

Get a Clue!
Come watch the mystery unfold this weekend—the ultimate whodunnit! Performances are Friday and Saturday nights at 7:00pm and Sunday at 3:00pm. Tickets are available at the auditorium door—adults $5.00 and students/senior citizens $4.00.
The 8th grade team visited each others’ classes and discussed learning intentions and success criteria.

Autumn Pabst and John Duffy hosted Senator Paul Wojno on Friday, November 1 along with special guests, School Board Trustees Wendy Watters and Darrell Vickers; and Representative Lori Stone on Monday, November 4 to address their English classes regarding writing arguments on topics affecting their lives. Senator Wojno and Representative Stone discussed eight topics including the dangers of vaping, the status of the Line 5 oil pipe in the Mackinac Straits, the legality of deer baiting, and even pet cemetery regulations. Each topic was discussed and argued regarding its merits, and the representatives included the status of bills in Lansing affecting each topic.

Students in Mrs. Palmeri’s language arts class are challenged to escape the Edgar Allen Poe Escape Room. Can they collaborate and communicate well enough to escape?
**Roose Roundup**

**Starting the Day Off Right**

At their morning meeting, Ms. Fouts and her students were talking about thankfulness. The morning meeting serves to bring the classroom family together and create a common connection before starting the day.

**Welcome to Roose**

Roose welcomed all new students who have joined since October. During our pizza lunch, we welcomed the new members of our Roose family!!!

Roose honors every student birthday with an announcement and small office celebration.

Our DK students taking their first steps towards authorship. They are working on creating their first book.

**Flag Etiquette**

The Peck Safety Patrol received training in flag etiquette from an expert, Mr. Sharples, from the Center Line VFW Cpl. Richard Menge Post 6756. Patrollers learned how to raise, lower, fold, and retire the flag. Mr. Sharples also answered many earnest questions from the group.

Thank you, Mr. Sharples, for teaching our students about this important topic, and thank you to all veterans for your service!

**Peck Points**

Parker V.

A perfect math test is Parker V’s ticket to…the Hall of Fame! Parker says the key to his success was "using my math skills, like anything plus zero is itself." His next quest? He plans to learn how to do "addition with multiple things." Keep up the good work, Parker!

Iziaya N.

Fourth grader Iziaya N. wrote an outstanding piece about Florida, which has launched him into Peck’s Hall of Fame! He says, "I did a draft for my writing. I wrote more than usual and I had all the parts: intro, body and conclusion. And it’s amazing." His next steps include writing "essays to get better at my writing." This outstanding writer says, "I'm getting better, but I want to be perfect!" Keep up the great work, Izaya. We hope to read more about warm places like Florida!
**Parachute Time**

GSRP classrooms spent a snowy day inside the gym and played with the parachute. Students learned how to shake the parachute to make balls jumps and they delighted in taking turns running under the parachute when their color was called. The gym was filled with laughter. The students had so much fun!

**Great Start to the Day**

Each morning, students in Mrs. Karam and Mr. Flynn's TBPS class review their Morning Message. Their School Family starts the day out right with their Morning Affirmations! As Camden says, "That's our preschool jam!!"

**Snow Day**

In Ms. Johnson's TBPS class, students brought the outside inside. They scooped up snow from outside to explore in their sensory bins with their bare hands. This was super fun and fit right in with their study, Four Seasons. They loved the way it felt, cold, wet, and icy, and had fun packing it together to make snowballs!

**Tree Science**

Mrs. Karam's class wrapped up their Tree Study this week. Students brought in different items they found from trees and they enjoyed investigating these objects in the Science and Discovery Interest Area.

Logan and Cora investigate and sort slides at the light table. They are determining which items are found in trees.

**Wikki Stixx** are another fun way students are learning the letters in their name! Leo is a pro!
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